

COCONINO PLATEAU WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
BOARD/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, September 26, 2014

LOCATION: USGS Building #3, 2255 N. Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

1. Call to Order

Chair Mandy Metzger called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT

Mandy Metzger, Coconino County
John Martinez, City of Sedona
John Davison, CNRCD
Mark Woodson, City of Flagstaff
Don Bills, USGS
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation
Mary Reece, Bureau of Reclamation
Ron Doba, CPWP

2. Approval of the Minutes from the 7/25/2014 CPWP Board/Executive Committee Meeting

Mark Woodson made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by John Martinez and carried.

3. Letter from Alice Lukasik

Ron Doba reminded the Board that he had been directed to send a letter to the gubernatorial candidates that participated in the Legislative Water Briefing asking them to respond in writing to the three questions previously asked. Only one candidate has responded and her response is included in the Board packet. This item is for informational purposes.

4. Status of Letter of Determination from IRS

Ron Doba reported the Partnership has received its Letter of Determination from the IRS as a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization.

5. Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014

Ron discussed the publication in the Federal Register requesting proposals for Feasibility Studies by the Corps of Engineers. Ron has spoken with the planning manager in D.C. to determine if it would be worth submitting the NCAWSFS. The effort required to submit the project is minimal and it could be worth pursuing. The Corps pays 50/50 on projects. Mary Reece indicated Reclamation and the Corps have worked together in the past on projects. There is still a non-Federal match required and letters of support from non-Federal partners.

The Board agreed Ron should move forward with the submittal and draft a letter non-

Federal partners can use for their statement of support. John Davison made a formal motion to move forward, pending authorization by the non-Federal partners. The motion was seconded by Mark Woodson and carried.

Ron also gave an overview of H.R. 4420 that authorizes annual funding for Rural Water Act projects. The bill only targets construction and not feasibility studies. Ron has contacted Judy Sulltrop on the bill. Ron has also been in contact with Clint Chandler. Mandy asked if Ron would ask Clint to attend the next meeting.

6. Financial Reports

Ron reviewed the financial reports for both the CPWAC and CPWP. John Martinez asked when our fiscal year is. Ron responded it is the same as the calendar year. Mandy asked for clarification on the conference calling bills. Ron indicated the TAC had been the reason for many of the bills and now Deborah is using a Reclamation phone number.

The CPWAC has a new funding partner. The South Grand Canyon Sanitary District has provided \$500 in funding and the Town of Tusayan has paid their \$5,000. All dues have been paid for FY2015. Ron will be bringing a funds transfer from the Council to the Partnership next month.

7. Next Partnership Meeting Agenda

Ron Doba indicated Buzz Walker will be presenting next month on the Payson C.C.Cragin Project.

8. CPWP Board/Executive Committee Adjournment

John Martinez indicated he will not be at the next meeting. Mark Woodson may be in D.C.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.